Edna Anderson
Elpha Kendy
Hannah Senick
Polly Allison
Bertha Dunkley
Essie Gregg
Minnie Jackson
Anna Runyan
Etta Anderson
Mrs. John O Wright
Carrie Chrisler
Laura Dunkley
Maria Van Runyan
Millie Kendy

top row

lower row

Confederate Soldiers Reunion
Vermillion County, INDIANA

MARY CHURN
Wright
"Polly"

JD
daughter of
Major John
T. Churn

b. 1828
d. 1897
buried Spangler
Cemetery,
Vermillion Co.,
IN.

Lobiz at findagrave.com

Photo by Whitesell formerly of New Goshen - Appeared in Coronet.

WE HAD SOME FINE Hoosier women out our way. They usually got in touch with their friends by telephone. Usually their talking was done on the party line. They got all the news from it, too. In fact, they liked it even better than the newspaper, 'cause the newspaper would tell them who was seen with whom, but the party line would tell them what they were seen doing.

Alice Whitesell Chinn (Mrs Bruce)

Mrs. Martha Whalen Lebanon Mills

Ma Bozarth

Aunt Mary - Mrs. Cockrum (Lou Wolfley)

Grandma Caroline Marten (Mrs John) New Goshen

Chinn family

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Ft. Harrison Chunn Family

Ind. Tribune Aug 28, 1938

HAVE you got in the mood for the historical Centennial yet? During the last few days everyone seems a-twitter with some lore about the frontier, 'Ole Dan'l Boone, or some of the historical characters.

Mrs. Anna L. Dyer, of New Goshen, probation officer in the Vigo Circuit Court, yesterday added an interesting note to the general centennial information. She is a great-grandfather of Major John Chunn.

RECALLING THE FIRST FAMILIES.

Immediately after Zachary Taylor gave up command of Fort Harrison in 1812, the command was taken over by Major Sturgis, who held this post until 1816, at which time Major Chunn was transferred from Fort Knox, Vincennes, to Fort Harrison, where he remained in command until 1919, at which time he was transferred to Detroit. He was re-transferred to Fort Harrison in 1821 and remained in command thereof until Fort Harrison was abandoned by the government in 1822.

Mrs. Dyer's brother, Wood Whitesell, has the original document showing the appointment of his great-grandfather, Major John Chunn's, post. Mrs. Dyer has written her brother, who is now in New Orleans, to send to her the original certificate of appointment, which the Northwest Territory Home-Coming Committee hopes to have on display at the Indiana State Teachers College during Home-Coming Week, August 29th to September 3rd.

This document was an order of transfer for Major Chunn from Alexander Macomb, major general, commander of the Fifth district military department, and was originally in the possession of the late Dr. B. F. Swafford.

The old Chunn ford bridge out near Universal was named for Major Chunn because he was the first to ford Brouillet's creek. He had four sons, three of whom fought in the Civil War.

Mrs. Dyer recalls facts about her great grandfather from family legends. Her mother had been dead but two years, and was very fond of relating episodes about the grandfather. She was Alice Chunn Whitesell, daughter of Thomas Chunn, son of the major.

After Major Chunn was retired from the army, he returned in 1821 and married Matilda Le March at Clinton. They located on Brouillett's creek, in Independence township, where he died in 1847. He served as magistrate in that township for twenty-four years. He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity and was buried with all honors that lodge could bestow.

Mrs. Dyer inherits a high spirit of patriotism and desire for public service and finds a wide spreading service in her place as probation officer.

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Old Time Poster Recalls Challenge to Duel in Vigo

Notice.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Major Abraham Markle,

Has been for a long time in the habit of circulating false and scandalous reports, derogatory to my reputation. As soon as the General Court Martial adjourned, which set for my trial, I called on him through the medium of my friend Captain CASS, (who was a member of the Court) for such satisfaction as one gentleman under such circumstances has a right to expect from another. He utterly refused to give it to me.

I therefore publish him to the world a *Liar*, a *Scoundrel*, and a *Cowardly Poltroon.*

J. T. CHUNN,
Brevet Major, U. S. Army.

Terre Haute, Ia. June 23, 1820.

BY A. R. MARKLE.

THE duel was an almost unheard of thing in Vigo County, for, while our early settlers were ever ready for trouble, they found vent for their spirits, in the most part, by resort to the fist. Out of a total of 123 indictments listed in Order Book No. 1 of the Circuit Court, 66 were for assault and battery, affray and surety of the peace, the other 57 cases ranging from manstealing to larceny. We may feel assured too that in only a small number of cases did the parties take their revenge by way of the grand jury, the majority abiding the result of the fight or renewing the matter at another time.

It was not that our people were brawlers, nor that they were less peaceable than in other localities, but with the close of the war, the opening of new settlements, the tendencies of pioneers to settle their own differences, the bitter political feeling of those days and the hardships of their lives, with possibly the ever present whisky barrel, fist fights were no uncommon affair.

In only one instance has the writer found any indication of a tendency to adjust matters in the manner of the older settled communities, by a resort to the "field of honor." And even in this occurrence there is more of comedy than tragedy. At Fort Harrison, then a military post, was Maj. John T. Chunn, a captain in the Nineteenth Infantry, breveted major in 1814, and a few miles away at Otter Creek Mills was Maj. Abraham Markle, a major in the Canadian Volunteers, but not in active service, having been mustered out in June, 1815, after the close of the war, and arriving here in June of 1816, becoming one of the Terre Haute company, a heavy land owner and in that day a more or less prominent citizen.

For some act or offense Major Chunn was court martialed, and Major Markle having repeated the charges for which he was tried, gave great offense to Major Chunn, so great indeed that nothing would satisfy his honor but the shedding of blood. In consequence he wrote the following

Terre Haute, 21st June, 1820.

Sir—I am under marching orders for Detroit tomorrow; previous to my going, I feel it my duty to demand of you a meeting. The many unprovoked slanders you have circulated against me render the call indispensably necessary. I shall therefore confidently rely upon seeing you previous to my departure; and that no excuse may be offered, I have a pair of pistols, the choice of which is at your service. My friend, Captain Cass, will make the necessary arrangements.

J. T. CHUNN.

Major Markle.

The same day Captain Cass presented the challenge to Major Markle, and, while there is no record of his reception at the hands of the major, we are led to believe that it was anything but cordial, for Zebina C. Hovey lost no time in swearing to a complaint before Squire Ichabod Wood, whose warrant was given to Constable John F. King, for the arrest of not only Chunn and Cass, but for Doctor McDonald and a John Bailey. King for very good reasons, it would seem to us, did not arrest the army officers, but brought in Bailey and McDonald, the latter giving bond for his appearance before the Circuit Court, being later indicted by the grand jury in connection with others for issuing and carrying challenges. On June 23 Captain Cass, not to be outdone by his superior officer, also challenged Major Markle, for which he, too, was indicted, the grand jury also indicting King for malfeasance in office, in that he had failed to arrest Chunn and Cass.

There having been no tangible results from the challenges issued by them, Major Chunn then issued the placard shown above, one copy of which was found recently by John W. Oliver of the Department of Indiana History and Archives, among the papers of Hyacinth Lasselle, one time partner of Major Markle in the Terre Haute company. The rest of the story is from the "Complete Record No. 1, of the Vigo County Circuit Court."

Clinton Twp 1850

In the order of visitation.	of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto)	of each Male Person over years of age.
2	3	4	5	6	7
	Joseph H Church	25	M		Laborer
	Mary "	22	F		
	Williams "	18	M		Laborer
	Cordelia "	12	F		
6	Mary Swan	34	F		
	Isabel "	12			
	Selman Ann "	8			
	Silas "	5	M		
	Harriett "	1	F		
	Oliver Scott	19	M		Laborer
	George Lacy	15	M		"
7	Amos Reader	24	M		Farmer
	Sofia "	20	F		
	Harriett "	3/12	F		
8	Wm Reader	33	M		Farmer
	Malinda "	35	F		
	Martha "	9	F		
	Albert "	6	M		
	Almarilla "	4	F		
	Arilla "	2	F		

1850 Census Washington Co. Kansas Clay Township

		William Reed	26	M		Labo
		Ann "	22	F		
		Isaac "	2	M		Lab
		George W "	2/12	M		
		Hiram Bryan	12	M		
		William W. "	18	M		Lab
76	80	Thomas Clemens	27	M		Far
		Caroline "	25	F		
		Samuel "	3	M		
		John Y "	5/12	M		
		Nicholas Wells	13	M		
		Stephen Clemens	16	M		Lab
77	81	James Brown	18	M		Gar
		Mary "	68	F		
		Sarah "	41	F		
		James "	31	M		Lab
		Jane "	28	F		
78	82	Benjamin Wheeler	36	M		Far
		Ann "	32	F		
		Mary "	10	F		
		Elizabeth "	8	F		
		Eliza "	6	F		
		Caroline "	2	F		
		Elizabeth Wells	59	F		

answer unto a charge of a breach of the peace
peace in having unlawfully carried a
challenge to fight a duel- And shall abide
the judgement of the said Court & not depart
without leave, then this recognizance to be
void otherwise to remain in full force and
~~virtue~~—

J.D.G.McDonald

Lewis B Lawrence
Wm.C. Linton

Demas Deming

John M Colman

Thomas H. Clarke

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Taken and acknowledged the day and
year above before me

Ichd Wood J P

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In the circuit Court of the County of
Vigo April Term Eighteen hundred Twenty
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State of Indiana)
) to wit, The Jurors for the State of Indiana
Vigo County)

and the body of the County of Vigo upon their oath, present
that on the Twenty ~~three~~ fourth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen
hundred and twenty at the County of Vigo in the State of
Indiana Ichabod Wood then and there being and acting, and
duly authorized to act, as a Justice of the peace in and for
the said County of Vigo in the State aforesaid, upon the
oath of Sebina C Hovey did make a certain warrant in
writing bearing under his hand and seal date the same day and year as aforesaid, direc
ted to John F.King Constable of the Township of Harrison in
the county of Vigo said and State aforesaid thereby, in the name of
the State of Indiana, charging and commanding the said John
F. King, constable as aforesaid, to take and bring before him
the said Ichabod Wood Justice of the peace as aforesaid, John T.
Chunn, Charles L. Cass, Jacob D. G. McDonald and John Baily

to answer the charge of breaking the peace, which said war rant afterwards, to wit, on the Twenty fourth day of June in the same year as aforesaid in the County and State aforesaid was delivered to the said John F. King, Constable as aforesaid, in due form of law to be executed, and the said John F. King Constable as aford was then and there duly required to execute the same, by bringing the bodies of the said John T. Chunn, Charles L Cass, Jacob D. G. McDonald and John Bailey before the said Ichabod Wood Justice of the peace as afordsaid the time and place, and for the purpose in the said covenant mentioned. And the Jurors for the State of Indiana and the body of the County of Vigo further upon their oath present, That although the said John F. King Constable as aford could and might and ought to have executed the said covenantaccordingly; yet the said John F. Kingso being Constable ~~of the Township~~ in the said County and State aford, not regarding the duty of his said office, did not, nor would execute the said covenant as aford or otherwise, howsoever, but unlawfully,- wilfully, obstinately, and contemptuously neglected and refused so to do, and therein failed and made default to the great hin drance of public justice, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and digni ty of the State of Indiana.

G. R C Sullivan Pro Aty
Vigo County

(Endorsed on back)

Vigo Circuit Court
April Term 1821
State of Indiana)
vs)Ind Neglect of Duty
John F. King)

Witnesses
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Route 2
West Terre Haute, Indiana
June 9, 1963

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Thank you for your note dated May 23. I've been too busy to get an answer prepared sooner.

It might be that Mrs. Grace Fuqua of Sandford (the widow of Glen Fuqua, a merchant) could give you some information about Jonathan Whitezel. Her husband was a great grandson, and Mrs. Fuqua would, I feel sure, enjoy talking with you.

Here is a brief sketch of Jonathan:

Born 1814, in Rockingham Co., Va.
Parents: Peter and Mary Tutweiler Whitzel.
Of German and Swiss descent (Pennsylvania Dutch).
Married Aug. 16, 1836 to Mary Ann Epla, in Va.
Migrated to Indiana in 1836, settled in sec. 22,twp.13 N.of R.10 W.
3 daughters: Mary Elizabeth, Mahala L., and Harriet Ellen.
One of the founders of and a preacher at Rosehill Church.
Lost his life January 9, 1854 when a load of logs overturned on him.

Jonathan had 7 brothers (one account says 8) and 2 sisters. Of these, Jacob, Samuel, Abraham, Joseph, amd Mary (Mrs. Ephraim S. Wolfe) settled in Fayette Township, as did some of their cousins.

A peculiar thing connected with Jonathan is the fact that there are two tombstones at his grave, and I've never heard any explanation for it.

If you could get hold of a history of Rosehill Church you would probably find more details of his life than the above, but I believe that inaccuracies have been written into it (example: Diana is mentioned as his sister, but she was his niece, being the daughter of Jacob).

RE: the millstone at the Lon Ward place. Quite likely it is still there, because it was not very conspicuous altho large. Lon told me that the pioneers brought it from the east, but sad to say, I made no notes at the time and I cannot recall just who owned it. I know exactly where it was.

You mention that..."Everyone including vandals had been there before me." Well, I was in the house only a few hours after they found Lon dead, and the house was already in that condition. Between you and me, I am sure that the house was stripped at once.

RE: Noah Beauchamp. The cemetery where he is buried is the SMITH. I've been told that he was originally buried on his own land, later reburied at Smith's, just north of St. Mary's.

Sincerely,

Marion H. Martin

From: Nancy Sherrill
To: Bwebb@spc.cc.tx.us
Date: 3/26/04 10:11AM
Subject: Chunn Family

Hello,

I have been looking for information on Maj. Chunn and have found some material. Most of our sources refer to his duty as commander of Ft. Harrison, but there is a brief biographical sketch on page 43 of Beckwith's History of Vigo and Parke Counties. According to that information, Maj. Chunn was born in 1780 in Maryland but was taken to Fauquier County VA when very young. He was in command of Ft. Harrison from 1815 to 1818 and then transferred to Detroit. In 1820 he retired from the army and returned to "this county. In 1821 he married Matilda Le March, at Clinton, Indiana; located on Brouillette creek, in Independence township, about four miles southwest from Clinton, where he died in 1847." Independence Township no longer exists. Parke County was cut off from Vigo in 1821, and Vermillion County was cut off from Parke in 1824. Clinton is now in Vermillion County.

The Biographical and Historical Record of Vermillion County, Indiana has a biographical sketch of John Wright on pages 315-316. His second wife was "Mary Chunn, who was born in Clinton Township, Vermillion County, in 1827, a daughter of John T. Chunn, who was a Major in the War of 1812, in the Virginia Volunteers." There is also a brief mention of John T. Chunn's son Thomas on page 231.

I could not find the marriage of John T. Chunn and Matilda Le March in Vigo, Vermillion, or Parke Counties. I suspect that it took place in Parke County in 1821 and that the record was destroyed in an 1830 courthouse fire.

The Chunn family file contains a photo of "five Hoosier women," including Alice (Whitesell) Chunn, undated newspaper articles by local historian A. R. Markle regarding the feud between Abraham Markle and Maj. Chunn, and three letters (1970, 1983, 1991) regarding Maj. Chunn and the Chunn family. At least one of the correspondents was seeking the burial site of Maj. Chunn.

I checked our various books of stone readings from the Vigo County cemeteries but did not find any mention of Maj. Chunn. However, I found an Adelia Chann, daughter of T. H. & P., listed as buried in the Scott Cemetery. This is an odd little cemetery that is right on the Vigo/ Vermillion County line and is indeed near Brouilletts Creek. It is also very close to State Highway 63 and is clearly visible from the highway, at least when the trees are bare. Only four or five stones may be seen. It is in a wooded area that opens onto a pasture, and livestock have been turned in among the stones in the past. Now one is just as likely to see deer there, although there are horses in the pasture. A few weeks ago we were visited by a mother and daughter from Bainbridge IN who said that was the Chunn Cemetery and that Maj. Chunn was supposedly buried there. They showed us a copy of a map of the cemetery done by the WPA in Vermillion County. The map does not list any names but shows the cemetery as fair sized with maybe 30 graves. If that's the case, then the destruction must have taken place since the 1930's and was probably done by roaming livestock. Charles Davis, a local history buff from Parke County, told another library employee that he had actually seen the stone of Maj. Chunn there. It was below several inches of dirt and grass, and the name and life dates were hard to read. A long, flowery poem was more readable. You might be able to get in touch with someone who knows about Maj. Chunn by contacting the genealogical query column in the local newspaper. The address is: Genealogy, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, P. O. Box 149, Terre Haute IN 47808.

Since Maj. Chunn died in Vermillion County, it is likely that the probate of his estate was filed there. It is possible that the Vermillion County records have been microfilmed by the LDS Church.

If you would like photocopies of any of the records I mentioned, our charge is 15 cents per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

Barbara Webb
Lubbock TX

bwebb@spc.cc.tx.us

Interested in John J. Chunn, birth + death
dau Mary Chunn

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in response to your request of_____.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
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2. Surname File:
   Did not find_____ Found_____

(3.) Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
   Did not find ~~123~~ _____ Found Beckwith p43-bio g + 151 Bradsby p 122, 178, 191, 218, 343, 606; Markle vol 1 p4, 5, 17, 39, 40, 56, 106, vol 2 p 15, 32, 44, 54-56, vol 3 p46 (cover)

(4.) Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
   Did not find_____ Found Chunn, Thomas + Caroline White 9 Nov 1845

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found_____

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found_____

(7.) Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
   Did not find ✓ Found_____

(8.) Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
   Did not find _____ Found vol 4 p 5 - Adelia Chann, dau of TH + P is really Chunn - Scott Cemetery is also Chunn Cemetery

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
   Did not find ✓ Found_____

(10.) Census Index for the year 1820-50:
   Did not find _____ Found 1820 - No John T Chunn, no Chunn in Vigo
   1830 - Chunn, George C. - Verm p466
   " Thomas R Union p480
   1840 Chunn, J. I - Verm p 909

Other: (also check other side)

#3 Oakey p47
Clark p18, 57, 58, 508, 509
Wabash Valley p70

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1. Miscellaneous Card File:
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(2.) Surname File:
   Did not find_____ Found Chunn Family File - photo of 5 Hoosier women, including Alice (Whitesell) Chunn - 1p; undated copy of news article by AR Markle on "duel" between -

(3.) Vermillion County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
   Did not find_____ Found Chunn, John T - Biog Rec p 211, 231, 316; Newport p 23
   son Thomas ~ biog of John Wright

4. Vermillion County, Indiana, Land and Marriage Records
   Did not find_____ Found_____

(5.) Marriage Records of Vermillion County, 1824-1861
   Did not find_____ Found Chunn, Joseph H & Amanda Nelson 21 Feb 1855

6. The People's Guide (1874 Directory)
   Did not find_____ Found_____

7. Prairie Farmer's Directory of Fountain, Parke and Vermillion Counties, 1920
   Did not find_____ Found_____

8. Vigo County Directories Including Vermillion County
   Did not find_____ Found_____

9. Census Index for the year_____:
   Did not find_____ Found_____

Other: (Also check other side)

2 Abraham Markle + Maj. Chunn - 1p
Typescript of news articles by AR Markle - "Maj. Chunn Defends His Fort" & "Court Settles the Dispute" - 8pp
3 letters (1970, 1983, 1991) re Maj. Chunn - 13pp

PROGRESS.

Another Witness Through With in the Star Route Trial.

John W. Dorsey Put on the Stand and Does Some Lively Swearing,

Declaring that Some of the Evidence Was Made Without Any Cloth At All.

The President Leaves for the Sunny South—The Marion Trust Co. on the Black List.

VALE VAILE.

Brady's Friend Leaves the Stand and is Succeeded by John W. Dorsey.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Vaile's cross-examination was resumed in the star route trial to-day. He testified that S. W. Dorsey advanced money on various routes. He kept the running expenses in his head and had no books showing receipts and expenditures. The government and the banks kept their accounts.

Bliss referred to the fact brought out in Rerdell's cross examination that Rerdell had borrowed money from Vaile. The witness said it was entirely a business transaction between Rerdell and himself. Rerdell had informed him he contemplated going over to the government before the witness loaned him the money. He never told Rerdel he (witness) and Miner had been talking over the advisability of going ouer to the government.

John W. Dorsey was called and said his brother had endeavored to dissuade him from embarking in the star route business. He denied—ever having conspired with any one to defraud the government. He had spoken to Brady but once in his life. The witness consulted a memorandum and promptly informed his counsel where he might find the disputed point in evidence.

Ingersoll smilingly replied that the witness seemed to know more about it than the "whole outfit."

The court said he seemed to know what question would be asked him.

Moore's testimony was referred to where he says John Dorsey told him his brother had brought him on here to go into a business of which he knew nothing, and that he wished himself at home. With some warmth the witness exclaimed "that is lie made without any cloth." [Laughter.] The witness remembered no conversation such as detailed by McLellan in which he (witness) had said that a route would be increased through his brother's influence. "It is the most infamous lie in the world," said he, "as if I would tell a couple of mule whackers such stuff as that, and the first time I ever saw them, too." Continuing, he explained the circumstances of his meeting with the men, and declared if he had said anything of the kind it would have been heard by the entire party of workmen.

Witness identified a memoradum as being in Rerdell's handwriting and Ingersall attempted without success to place it before the jury, together with the "Smith and Jones" memorandum, so the penmanship might be compared. The court remarked that the papers might be compared at a later stage.

Ingersoll offered in evidence a paper which he asserted was the original affidavit of John W. Dorsey upon the ment of children under fourteen years of age. This will throw nearly three thousand out of employment in this city. The cigar manufacturies employ a considerable number and several hundred are employed as sorters at rag and junk shops.

A Cold Climate.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 5.—The second largest snow storm of the season fell last night. There was a severe frost to-day.

Lorne Likes It.

OTTAWA, April 5.—The Marquis of Lorne expresses a desire that his term be extended another year.

A BORGIA.

A Wisconsin Woman Who Poisoned Her Mother and Brother on Trial.

She is Also Suspected of Having Previously Poisoned Her Husband and His Sister.

WEST BEND, Wis., April 5.—The case of the state of Wisconsin against Jane Vermeer, of Fon du Lac county, for murder, is now on trial for a second time. According to the facts alleged in the indictment upon which the case was brought to trial, Mrs. Vermeer who lived in the town of Waupun, asked her two brothers who were joint owners of land to deed it over to her, as they were bachelors and did not need property as much as she did, but they refused to grant her request, Accordingly, on November 20th, 1881, some days after making the above request, she walked over to her moteer's, Mrs. Lockhart's residence, taking with her a pail of soap, arriving there some fifteen minutes after the family had finished the Noonday meal. Greeting her mother with an inquiry as to her health, the old lady responded that she felt very well indeed, whereupon the daughter, saying, "Mother, I've brought you some soup," put it on the stove to warm. She then handed some to her mother and brother Manus, both of whom partook of it, her other brother Ibert refusing. Half an hour later the mother was taken violently ill with cramps and was put to bed in great agony, and very soon after, Manus, the brother was taken down with similar pains, and thereupon Mrs. Vermeer took her pail, rinsed it out and departed for home leaving her victims. Ibert sent for her very soon after and according to the allegations made before she started to go back, she was seen by a boy, named Miller, to take a small phial out of a cupboard which contained, as the boy said, a white substance like flour. When she returned to her mother's house she found her mother dead and her brother dying. He told her it was the soup that did it, but she denied it, claiming that all at home had partaken of it. She remained at the house until after her brother died, being perfectly cool and self-possessed, and not manifesting a sign of sorrow over what would otherwise have been considered a terrible bereavement. An analysis of the contents of the stomachs of the deceased people was made, and there was found in that of the old lady seven grains of arsenic, and in that of Manus four rains and a fraction. All the circumstances pointed strongly to Mrs. Vermeer's guilt, the more especially as some four years ago her husband and his sister had died very suddenly, it being intimated then

THE OLD FORT.

A Copy of the Original Order Transferring the Troops from Fort Knox to Fort Harrison.

A Short Sketch of the Life of Major Chunn, Commander of the Post in 1916.

A gentleman of this city has in his possession the original order of Gen. Alex. Macomb, commander of the Fifth Military Department of the United States, transferring the troops from Fort Knox, at Vincennes, to Fort Harrison, then situated on the east bank of the Wabash, a short distance above the present site of Terre Haute. An Express reporter was permitted to copy the order from the original parchment, which is now yellow with age, and one of the most interesting relics connected with the early history of the Wabash Valley. Below is the order in full:

FIFTH MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
HEADQUARTERS DETROIT,
10th of May, 1816.

SIR:—Having been informed by Major Morgan that he has moved out of the department by order of General Jackson, and that in consequence Major Morgan thought it his duty to order you to occupy with your command the fort he had left. You will continue to make Fort Harrison your station and consider yourself commandant thereof. Such of the public property that can, without great expense, be removed from Fort Knox to Fort Harrison, you will cause to be removed, and placed in as much security from depredations and from the weather as your stores will permit. If the quantity of small arms is very great, you will communicate with the officer of the ordnance department nearest you to learn if any arrangements have been made by his department for the removal of the arms and supplies of ordnance stores. Take care, however, to have your command as well furnished as possible with the means of defense, and always be on your guard toward the Indians, never permitting them to take any undue liberties, and punish promptly any insult they may offer. It is the best way to keep on good terms with them. You will, at the same time, prevent any person from abusing or maltreating the Indians, considering yourself as their protector in all that regards their just rights and privileges. You will be pleased to send me a sketch of the fort and ground in its vicinity, stating the number the barracks will contain, the nature of the soil about the fort, and the general quality of the land near it. Also, whether the position is well chosen, whether it be healthy and the quality of the water. Be pleased to give also the names of the different tribes of Indians in your neighborhood, the amount of Indian warriors in each tribe; also the state of the fort as to comfort and defense, and finally any information touching the command.

With respectful consideration, I have the honor to be, sir; your obedient servant, ALEX. MACOMB,
Major General Commanding Fifth Military Department.
To Major Chunn, Third Regiment Infantry, Commanding Fort Harrison.

In this connection a short sketch of the life of Major Chunn will not be out of place, as his descendants still reside in this region, one of his sons, Thomas being a resident of Vermillion county. A daughter also resides in the same county, being a wife of John Wright, a leading farmer.

Major John T. Chunn was born in

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THE POLITICAL POT

To Be Set Boiling by the Democrats on the 23rd Inst—Notes.

City Convention.

The Democrats will hold their primaries on Monday evening, the 23rd inst., and the nominating convention on the evening following, just a week before the election, which occurs Tuesday, May 1st. The old Republican executive committee will probably be called together this week to discuss the question of holding priidaries.

More Slates.

The Express has been handed the following ticket, with the recommendation that if nominated, it would win

Mayor,
G. F. COOKERLY.
Treasurer,
W. H. SCUDDER.
Clerk,
JNO. S. JORDAN.
Marshal,
HENRY M'CABE.
Assessor,
CHAS. HOFF.

A "Young Man" suggests the following Young Men's Ticket:

Mayor,
F. F. PEKER.
Treasurer,
A. E. RISER.
Clerk,
C. P. HORNUNG.
Marshal,
WM. WELDELE.
Assessor,
PETE KORNMAN.
COUNCILMEN.

First Ward—A. Faust.
Second Ward—F. Roderus.
Third Ward—Sam Budd.
Fourth Ward—W. A. Watson.
Fifth Ward—E. V. Debs.
Sixth Ward—J. C. Reiss.

Notes.

The canvass will be very short, but very warm.

Sam Stark has a hankerin' after the Republican nomination for marshal.

Joe Friss is coming to the front as the Democratic candidate for councilman in the Fifth ward.

This morning announcement is made of the candidacy of Wm. Myers for marshal, A. J. Mullen for clerk, and W. H. Crawford for treasurer, all on the Democratic ticket. All the gentlemen are well known, and are ably qualified for the different offices to which they aspire.

THE RAILROADS.

Various Items of Current News, Local and General.

Col. Hill, superintendent of the Vandalia, will be in the city to-day.

C. C. Mordaugh, traveling passenger agent of the Southwestern system of Gould roads, was in the city yesterday.

Coal business is booming on the Vandalia. The movement on the T. H. & I. division on Wednesday was 223 loads.

The I. & St. L. will run an excursion to the dramatic festival, May 3rd. Tickets for round trip, $3.75; good until May 7th.

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the soup that did it, but she denied it, claiming that all at home had partaken of it. She remained at the house until after her brother died, being perfectly cool and self-possessed, and not manifesting a sign of sorrow over what would otherwise have been considered a terrible bereavement. An analysis of the contents of the stomachs of the deceased people was made, and there was found in that of the old lady seven grains of arsenic, and in that of Mamma four rains and a fraction. All the circumstances pointed strongly to Mrs. Vermeer's guilt, the more especially as some four years ago her husband and his sister had died very suddenly, it being intimated then that she had been instrumental in removing them. So when she offered to attend the funeral of her late victims, her countrymen refused to permit it, insisting that she should be arrested.

As stated, this is the second trial. Last fall she was brought to Waupun, and after three days the jury disagreed and were discharged. The prisoner is 45 years old and a native of Holland, and though she has been in this country some fifteen years, she has lived so closely among her people that she now requires an interpreter in court. She is of dark complexion, has coal black eyes, is smart-looking, is perfectly cool and makes a splendid witness. Though on the stand for three hours, she did not show a particle of excitement. She stoutly insists she is innocent, and claims in her defense that the reason Ibert did not eat the soup is that he is probably the party who put the poison in it. It is held by the defense that his motive would be much the same, he owning jointly with the brother that was killed.

Arrested for an Old Crime.

CHICAGO, April 5.—John Shay alias Charles Sanders, alleged to be the murderer of Police Officer Walsh, of St. Louis, was arrested here this afternoon. Walsh was shot October 16th, 1879, and a reward of five hundred dollars offered for the capture of Sanders, but it was supposed he had fled the country. He was arrested for vagrancy, and his identity was only discovered subsequently. He has been employed as fireman on tugs and considered a hard character.

A Father and Daughter Murdered.

CINCINNATI, April 5.—A Commercial Gazette's Parkesburg, West Virginia, special says: Barney Doye and daughter were murdered last night at

warriors in each tribe; also the state of the fort as to comfort and defense, and finally any information touching the command.

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To Major Chunn, Third Regiment Infantry, Commanding Fort Harrison.

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Major John T. Chunn was born in Maryland in 1780, and while yet young his father removed to Fauqueir county, Virginia. But little is known here of Major Chunn's early life in that state. He moved to Ohio in 1801, and thence to Clarksburg, Indiana, in 1804. He became an officer in the United States army in 1811, and participated in Harrison's campaign in Canada. He then returned to Indiana in the latter part of 1815. He was assigned to the command of this military district, which he held until 1818, with headquarters at Fort Harrison. He was afterwards transferred to Fort Detroit. In 1820 he retired from the army, and returned to this county. In 1821 he married Matilda LeMarch, at Clinton, and located on Broullette creek, in Independence township, about four miles southwest of Clinton, where he died in 1847. He served as magistrate in that town for twenty-four years. He was noted for his open-handed hospitality, which prevented him from every becoming a wealthy man.

Major Chunn was prominent in the Masonic fraternity, and was buried with all Masonic honors. He joined the order in Winchester, Virginia, in 1801, and took nine degrees. The gentleman owning the military order above printed, and who furnishes these facts concerning Major Chunn, has in his possession the demit granted Major Chunn by the lodge when he removed from Virginia to Ohio in 1801. He also has a home-made flannel bag, in which it, with a number of other documents, was carried through the battle of the Thames. It is worn by use, but retains evidences of the stability of its manufacture. Major Chunn was a charter member of Terre Haute lodge No. 19, and likewise a charter member of Western Star Lodge No. 30, at Clinton.

THE SOCIETY FOR ORGANIZING CHARITY.

Monthly Report of the Executive Com-

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Chunn Family

From: Nancy Sherrill
To: mstrader@usit.net
Date: 5/12/01 3:06PM
Subject: Chunn Family

Hello,

Your query of May 11 was forwarded to me. There was a Maj. John T. Chunn who was in charge of Ft. Harrison from 1815 to 1818. According to Beckwith's History of Vigo and Parke Counties, page 43, "in 1820 he retired from the army, and returned to this county. In 1821 he married Matilda Le March at Clinton, Indiana; located on Broullette creek...about four miles southwest of Clinton, where he died in 1847....By his last wife he had four sons and two daughters. Three of his sons were conspicuous for bravery during the late war." This history was published in 1880 so "the late war" would have been the Civil War. The names of the sons aren't mentioned in this biographical sketch, but I wonder if George was one of them.

We have several books of stone readings from the various Vigo County cemeteries. I checked those but did not find any Chunns. Those books aren't complete. Many stones were unreadable so the names were omitted. However, Clinton is in Vermillion County, and I wonder if the Chunns were buried in a Vermillion County cemetery. You might try contacting the Clinton Public Library, 313 S. 4th St., Clinton IN 47842, www.clintonpl.lib.in.us/Library/default.htm.

Local tradition has it that Maj. Chunn and Maj. Abraham Markle were barely prevented from fighting a duel because Maj. Markle kept trying to claim the land on which the fort was located---before the government was through with it.

If you would like copies from the county histories, our charge is 15 cents per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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Chunn Family

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Janet Claybrook
6277 E. 38th St.
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May 17, 1991

I am enclosing research reports listing the sources I checked for your ancestors. As you can see, I did not find too much about the Blackburns. I found Robert's marriage to Mattie and his death in the W.P.A. indexes to the Vermillion county birth, death, and marriage records but did not find the births of his children. We do not have the actual Vermillion county records; those are filed in the courthouse in Newport IN 47966.

I did not find Robert in the Soundex to the 1880 Indiana census. However, that only lists families with children age ten or younger, and perhaps Robert was not married at that time. I found a 14 year old Robert who was born in Illinois on the 1860 Morgan county census. The index to the 1850 Indiana census lists several Balckburns but none in Vermillion or Morgan county. The only Hugh did not have a son.

I found quite a bit about the Chunns. That is not exactly a common name but is well known in this area because Maj. John T. Chunn was the commander of Fort Harrison, which was just north of present day Terre Haute. I strongly suspect that Mattie's father William was a son of Maj. Chunn, probably by a second marriage. If you would like copies of any of the items on the research reports, oor charge is 10¢ per page (15¢ for census prints), plus postage.

The LDS Church has filmed many Indiana courthouse records. If there is an LDS Family History Center near you, you might be able to borrow Vermillion county records from them.

Nancy Sherrill

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VCPL RESEARCH REPORT FOR VERMILLION COUNTY

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surname(s) of: Blackburn: Robert James + Mattie, John, Martha, William, Rufus, Mariah in response to your request of_____.

(1) Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find ✓ Found_____

(2) Surname File:
Did not find_____ Found Blackburn Family File — clippings found in an 1854-55 ledger of William A. Blackburn — very old handwritten history of William (over)

(3) Vermillion County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find ✓ Found_____

(4) Vermillion County, Indiana, Land ~~and Marriage Records~~
Did not find ✓ Found_____

(5) Marriage Records of Vermillion County, 1824-1861
Did not find_____ Found Thomas C. Patrick + Mary Ann Blackburn 3 Sept. 1838

(6) The People's Guide (1874 Directory)
Did not find ✓ Found_____

7. Prairie Farmer's Directory of Fountain, Parke and Vermillion Counties, 1920
Did not find_____ Found_____

8. Vigo County Directories Including Vermillion County
Did not find_____ Found_____

(9) Census Index for the year 1860 + 1880 + 1850:
Did not find_____ Found 1860 - 14 yr. old Robert J. Blackburn - Morgan Co p 753 (over)
1850 - Blackburn, Hugh - Vanderburgh Co p 488 - did not have a son Robert J.

Other: (Also check other side)

WPA Index to Birth Records, Vermillion Co., 1882-1920 - Several Blackburns but not Robert's children

WPA Index to Marriage Records, Vermillion Co., 1850-1904 - James R. Blackburn + Mattie Chunn 4 March 1890 Bk 6 p 330
Flora Blackburn + John Hudson 20 June 1896 Bk 7 p 128

WPA Index to Supplemental Record Marriage Transcripts, Vermillion Co. 1882-1920 - Blackburn, James R. - Father Hugh - Mother Martha (over)

#2 Blackburn Family (1 page), Funeral notice of Col. James M. Blackburn 1883, Obits of Capt. Davis S. Blackburn, Judge Blackburn, Marriage announcement of Mr. Miller & Nellie Blackburn, article on Blackburn College, obit of John M. Curtner, article on James P. Goodrich buying stock in Lawrence National Bank, sermon delivered by Rev. W. M. Blackburn in 1861

WPA Indexes

Thomas - age 43 - married 3-4-1890 BkC-15 p134

WPA Index to Supplementa Record Marriage Applications, Vermillion Co., 1904-1920 - Blackburn, Mattie - Father William C Mother Arom Towsly - born 3 March 1877 Bk C-13 p196

WPA Index to Death Records, Vermillion Co., 1852-1920 Blackbum, Robert - age 60 - d. 8 Sept. 1911 Bk H4 p56

#10. Clay Township, Morgan Co., Ind p753
20 Aug 1860

William Martin	68	Shoe & Boot Maker	b. VA
Martha	34		KY
Elmina	33	Domestic	Ind.
John W. Blackburn	15	Farm Laborer	"
Robert J.	14		Ill
Mary E	12		Ind.
Parris C-D.	10 (male)		"
Francis M. Martin	7		"
George W.	5		"
Kissiah	2		"

1880 No 34 year old Robert or James Blackburn, but Soundex only listed families with children age 10 or younger

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(1) Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find_____ Found Chunn, Major John T. sketch of his life found under subject "Fort Harrison" He once called Major Markle a Tory - Scrapbook 38 p 24

(2) Surname File:
Did not find_____ Found Chunn Family File - various letters on Maj. John Chunn, commander of Fort Harrison in 1816, article on duel between Maj. Chunn & Maj. Markle (over)

(3) Vermillion County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find_____ Found Chunn; William - Newport & Vermillion Twp. - p 167 - Other Chunns - on other side

(4) Vermillion County, Indiana, Land ~~and Marriage Records~~
Did not find_____ Found Chunn, John T. - Clinton Township 1816 - all are original landowners

(5) Marriage Records of Vermillion County, 1824-1861
Did not find_____ Found Chunn, Joseph H & Amanda Nelson 21 Feb. 1855, John Wright & Mary Chunn 20 July 1851

(6) The People's Guide (1874 Directory)
Did not find_____ Found p179 - Chunn, William, Farmer, 4 mi. S.W. Clinton, born in Vermillion Co. 1832 Republican & Methodist

7. Prairie Farmer's Directory of Fountain, Parke and Vermillion Counties, 1920
Did not find_____ Found_____

8. Vigo County Directories Including Vermillion County
Did not find_____ Found_____

(9) Census Index for the year 1880 - 1850:
Did not find_____ Found over
1850 - Chunn, John - Vigo Co p 237
" Matilda - Vermilion p6
" Thomas " "

(Other: (Also check other side))
WPA Index to Birth Records, Vermillion Co., 1882-1920 - No Chunns
WPA Index to Marriage Records, Vermillion Co., 1850-1904 - Mattie Chunn & some others but not William & Nancy Townsley
WPA Index to Supplemental Record Marriage Transcripts, Vermillion Co., 1882-1920 - Chunn, Mattie - Father Wm - Mother Nancy - age 17 married 3-4-1890 BK C-15 p 135

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#2 reproduction of photo of several women including Alice Whitesell Chunn (Mrs. Bruce Chunn), articles on dispute between Maj. Markle + Maj. Chunn over Fort Harrison (Maj. Markle tried to claim the land on which Fort Harrison stood + Maj. Chunn, commander of the fort, raised strenuous objections-) One 1883 letter says Maj. Chunn's dau Mary married John Wright of Vermillion Co. + Maj. Chunn's second wife was Matilda Le March of Clinton.

#3. Chunn, G. E. - People's Guide p 224
" John T. - Biog + Hist. Rec. pp 211, 231, 316
Newport + Vermillion Twp p 23
" Joseph - " " " p 321
" Josie - Biog + Hist. Rec. p 477
" Josephine - History of Parke + Vermillion p 759
" Mary - Biog + Hist. Rec p 316
" Thomas - History of Parke + Vermillion p 390
" Thomas H - People's Guide p 178

WPA Index to Death Records, Vermillion Co., 1882-1920
Chunn, William - age 83 - d. 21 Jan. 1911 Bk H4 p 50

#10 Clinton Twp., Vermillion Co. Ind. 1880
ED 194, Sheet 11 Line 37
Chunn, William - age 50 - b. Ind.

"	Nancy	36	NC
"	William S	14	Ind
"	Millie J.	12	"
"	Cora M.	10	"
"	George W.	7	"
"	Stephen (brother)	42	"
"	Mattie D.	5	"

WPA Index to Marriage Records, Vigo County, 1840-1920
Chunn, William R. + Nancy L. Townsend 26 Nov 1865 Bk 3 p 432
Several other Chunns

Clinton Twp., Vermillion Co. Ind p6
20 Oct 1850

#76/80 Thomas Chunn - 27 - Farmer - Ind
Caroline " 25 " "
Daniel " 3 " "
John T. " 8/12 " "
Matilda White 13 " "
Stephen Chunn 16 Laborer "

#81/85 Matilda Chunn - 47 - New York
Joseph (H?) " 25 Laborer - Ind
Mary " 22 " "
William " 18 Laborer " "
Caroline " 12 " "

Harrison Twp., Vigo Co. Ind p 237
6 Sept 1850

#347/359 George F. Small - 35 - Farmer - Germany
Sophia " 30 " "
Melvina " 4 " Ind
John " 2 " "
Edward Pender 45 Laborer Ireland
Dennis Whalen 35 " "
William Stewart 36 " Scotland
Frederick Ilell(?) 30 Brewer Germany
John Chunn 28 Laborer "
Henry Jernan 45 " "
Francis Small 1 " Ind.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm doing research on a Robert James Blackburn. According to the 1900 census for Vermillion Co., Clinton Township, he was 53 years old being born in Illnois around 1846. He married a Mattie Chunn who was the daughter of William Chunn and Nancy Townsley. They also were from the Clinton area. He was a Union soilder and was "joined for duty and enrolled Nov. 14, 1861 at Terre Haute for a period of three years". He was a private in Co. I, 43 Reg't Indiana Infantry. When William was mustered out he went back to the Clinton area.

Also on the 1900 census were five children the oldest being John who must of been from an earlier marriage. Robert and Mattie had been married 13 years and John was 15 at this time. It also states that Robert and Mattie had 5 children but only 4 were living. They were: Martha born April 1891 in Indiana, William born Sept. 1894 in Indiana, Rufus born Dec. 1895 in Indiana, and Mariah born in 1899. After Robert's death, I don't know when, Mattie married a man Named Edward MacIntosh.

Any information that you might have on these familys will be greatly appreciated. I'd like to thank you in advance and I will be happy to pay all reasonable cost for postage and copying.

Thank You,

Janet Claybrook

Janet Claybrook
6277 E. 38th St.
Tulsa, Ok. 74135

From: Nancy Sherrill
To: Harman, Aaron
Date: 7/26/2006 3:52:51 PM
Subject: Re: WWW Question

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Hello,

The marriage record of Robert Blackburn and Josie Bell Chunn is available on the library's web site at www.vigo.lib.in.us. Scan down the left side of the screen and click on "Electronic Resources." Then click on "Vigo County Marriage Records." You may search by the last name of the bride or groom. If you have Acrobat Reader on your computer, you may download a copy of the marriage license. The marriage record appears to have a number of misspellings and mistakes.

I also found the 6 July 1918 birth of Josie B. Chaney to Edward and "Suela" (Burns) Chaney recorded in Parke County, Book H-4, page 68. I found the marriage of James R. Blackburn and Mattie Chunn on 4 March 1890 in Vermillion County, Book 6, page 330. According to the marriage supplement, recorded in Book C-15, page 135, James' parents were Hugh and Martha (Thomas) Blackburn, and Mattie's parents were William and Nancy Chunn. The 26 Nov. 1865 marriage of William Chunn and Nancy Townsend was recorded in Vigo County, Book 3, page 432.

William and Nancy Chunn were listed on the 1880 census of Clinton Township, Vermillion County. William was age 50, and Nancy was 36. Their large family included William, 14; Millie, 12; Cora, 10; George, 7; Mattie, 5. William's 42 year old brother Stephen lived with the family. The 1860 census lists William and Stephen, along with a Caroline, in the household of "widow lady" Matilda Chunn in Clinton Township, Vermillion County. Matilda was a widow even in 1850. On that census her children were listed as Joseph, Mary, William, and Caroline.

The Chunns are mentioned in other sources as well. Our Chunn family file contains a 9 Aug. 1983 letter from a Thomas Chunn of Tennessee. He indicated that Maj. John T. Chunn had seven children: Joseph H., Mary who married a Wright, William, Carolina, Samuel, Thomas, and Josie. William was supposedly buried in the Shepherdsville Cemetery, but he is not listed in our book of stone readings from the Shepherd Cemetery. It is possible that he does not have a stone.

There is a brief biographical sketch of Maj. John T. Chunn in Beckwith's History of Vigo and Parke Counties. According to that sketch, Maj. John T. Chunn was in charge of Ft. Harrison from 1815 to 1818 and was then transferred to Fort Detroit. In 1820 he retired from the army and returned to this area. "In 1821 he married Matilda Le March, at Clinton, Indiana; located on Broullette creek, in Independence township, about four miles southwest from Clinton, where he died in 1847.....By his last wife [Matilda] he had four sons and two daughters." Brouilletts Creek is about on the Vermillion/ Vigo County line, and John Chunn seems to have lived in that area. There is a small cemetery, visible from State Road 63 when the trees are not leafed out, almost right on the line. Volume four of Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana calls it the Scott Cemetery and lists an Adelia Chann as buried there. The cemetery is very small and overgrown, and there are far fewer stones today than when the cemetery book was compiled. However, a Parke County man, Charles Davis, recently found the grave of Maj. John Chunn there and had a military stone placed on his grave.

I believe there are still Chunn descendants in this area. Chaney is a common name in Parke County. You might be able to get in touch with other local researchers by putting a query in the local newspaper. The address is: Genealogy, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, P. O. Box 149, Terre Haute IN 47808.

We don't have copies of the Parke County birth records or the Vermillion County marriages, only the indexes. You would need to obtain the actual records from the Parke and Vermillion County courthouses. However, we could send you copies from the censuses and the Beckwith history for $2.00.

Nancy Sherrill

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From: Aaron Harman <mics1026@alltel.net>
To: "Nancy Sherrill" <NSHERRILL@vigo.lib.in.us>
Date: 7/19/2006 5:07:04 PM
Subject: Re: WWW Question

Hi,
well i'm trying to do a family tree. and my grandparents were George Blackburn and Josie Chaney. i know george's mom was mattie chun, who was married to robert blackburn who was a veteran and i think one of his grandparents was a macintosh. i guess i would like to start with Major william chun who was her father. josie chaneys mom was a burns. i guess i would like death, marriage and birth notices related to these families to get a good family tree going and any other info that can be copied and sent that you think would be important. this is the first time i've tried this so i don't know what to look for yet.
thanks so much
Michelle Blackburn Harman

At 02:19 PM 7/19/2006, you wrote:
>Hello,
> Your query was forwarded to me. We do have files on the
>Blackburn, Chaney, and Chunn families. The Blackburn family files
>contains an undated newspaper clipping on the death of Capt. David S.
>Blackburn, the funeral notice of Col. James M. Blackburn, and part of an
>undated, handwritten letter on the Blackburn family. The Chaney family
>file contains eleven pages of newspaper clippings (most undated) about
>congressman John C. Chaney. (He was captured by Mexican rebels under
>Pancho Villa!) There is also miscellaneous official correspondence by
>John Chaney, but is too old and fragile to be copied. We also have a
>recent book, How I Got from There to Here: the Memoirs of Buena Chaney,
>a local attorney. The Chunn family file contains correspondence, typed
>papers, and newspaper articles about Maj. John Chunn, the commander of
>Ft. Harrison from 1815 through 1818. Several of the articles concern
>the dispute between Maj. Chunn and Maj. Abraham Markle. Maj. Markle
>wanted to claim the land on which Ft. Harrison was located--before the
>army was through with it. They came close to fighting a duel over the
>situation! Recently the grave of Maj. Chunn was discovered in a small
>cemetery on the Vermillion/ Vigo County line and marked with a military
>stone.
> What information on these three families are you seeking? We have
>indexes to marriage records, cemetery records, and county histories in
>addition to the surname files.
>
> Nancy Sherrill
> Genealogy Librarian

Chunn, William & Nancy
Townsend 26 Nov 1865
Vigo Co Bk 3 p 432

MARRIAGE RECORD—Vigo County

Official Form of Application for Marriage License as Determined by the State Board of Health According to Chapter 150 of the Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly.

Application for Marriage License—Male

Application is hereby made for a license for the marriage of George Piper Blackburn **to** Illeria B. Chaney

Upon the following statement of fact relative to said parties:

1. The full christian and surname of the man is George Piper Blackburn
2. Color White
3. Where born Boone County (Town, County, State or Country)
4. When born Sept 23 1902 (Day, Month and Year)
5. Present residence E Clinton Ind
6. Present occupation Miner
7. If no occupation, what means has the male contracting party to support a family? —
8. Is the male contracting party of nearer blood kin to the female contracting party than second cousin? No
9. Full christian and surname of father Robert Piper
10. His color White
11. His birthplace Indiana
12. His occupation Deceased
13. His residence Deceased
14. Full christian and maiden name of mother Millie Tilton
15. Her color White
16. Her occupation At home
17. Her birth place E Clinton
18. Her residence Clinton
19. Has the male contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? No
20. If so, is he now able to support a family and likely to so continue? —
21. Is this his first marriage? Yes 22. If not, how often has he been married? —
23. Has such prior marriage, or marriages, been dissolved? Yes
24. If so, how? death 25. When? 1933
26. Is the male contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal, or any other contagious or transmissible disease? No
27. Is he an imbecile, feeble-minded, idiotic or insane, or is he under guardianship as a person of unsound mind? No

Signature of applicant George Blackburn

State of Indiana, Vigo County, ss:

Ed Chaney deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.

Ed Chaney

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of April 193 4

Jerusha Fitzgerald
Clerk Vigo Circuit Court.

Official Form of Application for Marriage License as Determined by the State Board of Health According to Chapter 150 of the Acts of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly.

Application for Marriage License—Female

Application is hereby made for a license for the marriage of Josie Bell Chaney **to** George Piper Blackburn

Upon the following statement of fact relative to said parties:

1. The full christian and surname of the woman is Josie Bell Chaney
2. Color White
3. Where born Clark Co (Town, County, State or Country)
4. When born July 16 1916 (Day, Month and Year)
5. Present residence E Clinton Ind
6. Present occupation At home
7. Full christian and surname of father E Leonard Chambers
8. His color White
9. His birthplace Clark Co
10. His occupation Fireman
11. His residence Clinton
12. Full christian and maiden name of mother Stella Beavers
13. Her color White
14. Her occupation Deceased
15. Her birthplace Deceased
16. Her residence Deceased
17. Has the female contracting party been an inmate of any county asylum or home for indigent persons within the last five years? No
18. Is this her first marriage? Yes
19. If not, how often has she been married? —
20. Has such prior marriage, or marriages, been dissolved? —
21. If so, how and when? —
22. Is the female contracting party afflicted with epilepsy, tuberculosis, venereal or any other contagious or transmissible disease? No
23. Is she an imbecile, feeble-minded, idiotic or insane, or is she under guardianship as a person of unsound mind? No

Signature of applicant Josie B Chaney

State of Indiana, Vigo County, ss:

Ed Chaney deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the facts above stated and that they and each of them are true.

Ed Chaney

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of April 193 4

Clerk Vigo Circuit Court.

Be It Remembered, That on the day herein named the following Marriage License was issued, to-wit:

STATE OF INDIANA, VIGO COUNTY ss:

To Any Person Empowered by Law to Solemnize Marriages, You are hereby authorized to join together as HUSBAND AND WIFE, George Piper Blackburn *and* Josie Bell Chaney *according to the laws of the State of Indiana.*

In Testimony Whereof, I, Jerusha Fitzgerald *Clerk of the Vigo Circuit Court of said County, hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at Terre Haute, this* 28 *day of* April *A. D. 193* 4

Jerusha Fitzgerald, *Clerk.*

STATE OF INDIANA, VIGO COUNTY, ss:

I, the undersigned, Mayor of the City of Clinton *(State if Justice of the Peace, Minister, etc.) do hereby certify that* George Blackburn *and* Josie B. Chaney *were legally joined together as HUSBAND AND WIFE, on the* 24 *day of* April *193 4, by me.*

Henry Lewis Mayor of the City of Clinton Ind

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Indiana Vital Records Index: Birth

Surname	Child Given Name	Father Given Name	Mother Given Name	Maiden Name	Sex	Color	Month	Day	Year	County	Book	Page	Fiche
CHANEY	JOSIE B	EDWARD	SUELA	BURNS	-	-	JUL	6	1918	PARKE	H-4	68	4150

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Indiana Vital Records Index: Birth

Surname	Given Name	Sex	Color	Age	Spouse	Spouse Surname	Month	Day	Year	Father	Mother	Maiden Name	B/L Month	B/L Day	B/L Year	County	Book	Page	Fiche
BLACKBURN	JAMES R		-	0	MATTIE	CHUNN	MAR	4	1890				MAR	4	1890	VERMILLION	6	330	4277

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BLACKBURN	JAMES R		-	0	MATTIE	CHUNN	MAR	4	1890				MAR	4	1890	VERMILLION	6	330	4277
BLACKBURN	JAMES	M	W	43			MAR	4	1890	HUGH	MARTHA	THOMAS		0	0	VERMILLION	C-15	134	4278

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Surname	Given Name	Sex	Color	Age	Spouse	Spouse Surname	Month	Day	Year	Father	Mother	Maiden Name	B/L Month	B/L Day	B/L Year	County	Book	Page	Fiche
CHUNN	MATTIE		-	0	JAMES R	BLACKBURN	MAR	4	1890				MAR	4	1890	VERMILLION	6	330	4277
CHUNN	MATTIE	F	W	17			MAR	4	1890	WM	NANCY	---		0	0	VERMILLION	C-15	135	4278

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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 18, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Clinton Township, in the County of Vermillion, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 16 day of June, 1880.

David Hennessee
Enumerator

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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Clinton Township in the County of Vermillion State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 2nd day of August 1860. James McHood Asst Marshal

Post Office Indiana Sumac Ind.

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description. Age.	Sex.	Color, (white, black, or mulatto.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned. Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1			Willard Gonnell	1	M				Indiana					1
2	959	960	Matilda Chunn	61	F		Widow Lady		100	North Carolina				2
3			William "	27	M				Indiana					3
4			Stephen "	25	M				do					4
5			Caroline "	21	F				do					5
6	958	961	William Gonnell	60	M		Com Laborer		100	Pennsylvania				6
7	954	962	Noah Hedges	24	M		Farmer		275	Indiana	1			7
8			Angeline "	20	F				do		1			8
9	955	963	Eli Shew	40	M		Farmer		656	North Carolina				9
10			Mary A "	34	F				Indiana					10
11			Amelia A "	12	F				do					11
12			Lovena A "	8	F				do					12
13			William D "	4	M				do					13
14		964	Columbus Hedges	32	M		Farmer	200	150	do				14
15			Sarah E "	19	F				do					15
16			Emma J "	9/12	F				do					16
17	956	965	Leonard Shew	24	M				do	1				17
18			Mina "	21	F				do	1				18
19			Hetta "	9/12	F				do					19
20		966	William Hedges	59	M		Farmer	12940	1407	New Jersey				20
21			Amelia "	55	F					Pennsylvania				21
22			William H "	19	M					Indiana		1	✓	22
23			Amelia H "	17	F					do		1		23
24	957	967	Pennyfeather Harrison	65	M		Farmer	2020	1456	Virginia				24
25			Jane A "	54	F					do				25
26			Wilson "	25	M					do				26
27			Caroline "	20	F					do				27
28			Alexander "	20	M					do				28
29			Charlotte "	18	F					do				29
30			Franklin "	15	M					do			✓	30
31			Joseph "	11	M					do			✓	31
32			Catharine Harvey	21	F					Kentucky				32
33			Elizabeth "	13	F					do				33
34			James Paine	15	M		Com Laborer	2000		Indiana			✓	34
35			Eunice "	10	F					do				35
36			Martha Bright	47	M		Com Laborer			Virginia				36
37	952	968	Joseph Reeder	25	M		Farmer	400 / 1100	600	Pennsylvania				37
38			Ellen "	23	F					do				38
39	954	969	David R Stone	38	M		Com Laborer		125	Ohio				39
40			Mary "	35	F					Indiana				40

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No. white males, 20 No. colored males, ____ No. foreign born, ____ No. blind, ____

No. white females, 21 No. colored females, ____ No. deaf and dumb, ____ No. insane, ____

No. idiotic, ____

No. paupers, ____

No. convicts, ____

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SCHEDULE I. Free Inhabitants in [illegible] Township in the County of [illegible] State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 5th day of Oct 1850. [illegible] Ass't Marshal.

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Families numbered in the order of visitation	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color, black or mulatto	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read and write	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	Jonathan Coats	14	M				Indiana					1
75	Samuel Saunders	63	M		Farmer	2650	Virginia					2
	Elanor "	58	F				Pennsylvania					3
	Martin "	21	M		"		Ohio					4
	Mary Williams	19	F				Illinois					5
77	George Wright	18	M		Farmer	1380	New York					6
	Mary "	46	F				"					7
	William Reed	21	M		Laborer	500	Indiana					8
	Jane "	22	F				"					9
	Isaac "	22	M		Laborer	500	"					10
	George W "	2/12	M				"					11
	Hiram Biggs	12	M				"					12
	William Wright	18	M		Laborer		"			1		13
86	Thomas Chenoweth	27	M		Farmer		"					14
	Caroline "	25	F				"					15
	Daniel "	3	M				"					16
	John Y "	1/2	M				"					17
	Melinda White	13	F				"		1			18
	Stephen Chenoweth	16	M		Laborer		"		1			19
81	James Brannum	70	M		Farmer	500	Maryland					20
	Mary "	68	F				Kentucky					21
	Sarah "	41	F				Ohio					22
	James H "	31	M		Laborer	100	Indiana					23
	Jane "	28	F				"					24
82	Benjamin Hensley	36	M		Farmer		Virginia					25
	Ann "	32	F				"					26
	Mary K "	10	F				Indiana		1			27
	Elizabeth "	8	F				"		1			28
	Ellen "	6	F				"					29
	Caleb "	2	M				"					30
	Elizabeth Huddleston	59	F				Virginia				1	31
83	Hylander Wright	41	M		Farmer	2500	New York					32
	Catharine "	35	F				Ohio					33
	Oliver "	13	M				Indiana					34
	Thomas "	11	M				"		1			35
	Mary A "	8	F				Indiana		1			36
	Levi "	5	M				"		1			37
	Hylander "	3	M				"					38
	James "	1	M				"					39
84	Thomas Gunnoe	23	M		Laborer		Indiana	1				40
	Elizabeth "	20	F				"	1				41
85	Malcolm Chenoweth	47	M				New York					42

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SCHEDULE I. Free Inhabitants in Township of Clinton in the County of Vermillion State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 3rd day of October, 1850. [illegible] Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Joseph H. Chamberlain	25	M		Labourer		Indiana				
		Mary "	22	F				"				
		William "	1	M		Labourer		"				
		Caroline "	12	F				"				
82	86	Mary Chase	34	F				"		1		
		Isabel "	12	F				Pennsylvania				
		Sylvanus A. "	8	M				Indiana		1		
		John "	5	M				"		1		
		Harriet "	1	F				"				
		Chas. Scott	19	M		Labourer		"		1		
		George Lacy	15	M		"		"		1		
83	87	Amos Reader	24	M		Farmer		"		1		
		Sofia "	20	F				"	1			
		Harriett "	3/12	F				"	1			
84	88	Wm Reader	33	M		Farmer	1200	Ohio				
		Malinda "	31	F				Indiana				
		Martha "	7	F				"				
		Alfred "	6	M				"		1		
		Almarietta "	4	F				"		1		
		Amelia "	2	F				"				
		Wm P. Starky	22	M		Labourer	300	Ohio		1		
		Elizabeth Chase	51	F			250	Virginia		1		
85	89	Joseph Reader Sr.	65	M		Farmer	3000	Pennsylvania		1		
		Elenor "	64	F				"				
		George M. Hale	24	M		Labourer		Indiana				
86	90	Joseph McReader	27	M		Farmer		"				
		Cecilia "	27	F				"				
		Levi "	3	M				"				
		John Chase	20	M		Labourer		"		1		
		Margaret Chase	15	F				"		1		
87	91	Nelson Reader	34	M		Farmer	500	Ohio				
		Mary "	32	F				Pennsylvania				
		Sarah "	12	F				Indiana		1		
		Martha Ann "	11	F				"		1		
		Silas "	5	M				"		1		
		Ellen "	7	F				"		1		
		Joseph H. "	5	M				"		1		
		Noah "	2	M				"				
		Frank L. "	1/2	M				"				
		John Wyatt	12	M				"		1		
88	12	William Hile	41	M		Physician	2000	Ohio				
		Charlotte "	31	F				Indiana				

Library Square
Haute, IN 47807

Chunn Family

OFFICE OF
PERPETUAL CARE FOUNDATION
103 BASS DRIVE
COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE
38401

THOMAS H. CHUNN, TRUSTEE

AREA CODE 615
TELEPHONE 388-0958

Aug. 24, 1983

Query Sept 18-1983

Tribune-Star
721 Wabash Ave.
Terre Haute, In 47808

Attention Mrs Dorthy Clark

Dear Mrs Clark:

Ms. Nancy Sherrill, Librarian at the Vigo County Library, suggested that I write you with reference to the grave of Maj. John Chunn (1780-1847).

I am a Chunn family historian and seek the burial site of Major Chunn. You have mentioned some historical data about him in some of your items about Fort Harrison.

Possibly there are descendants of the children who would know the location of the grave? The children were: 1. Joseph H. (b1825); 2. Mary (b 1827) and who married John Wright of Vermillion County ; 3. William (b 1830); 4. Carolina (bca 1838-1839); 5. Samuel; Thomas who married Carolyn White 11-9-1845.

Since Major Chunn married a Second wife, Matilda Le March of Clinton, Indiana it is possible he is buried in his wife's family cemetery.

Any help that your readers might give as to the location of Major Chunn's grave site will be most appreciated indeed. Address Thomas H. Chunn, 103 Bass Drive , Columbia, Tenn. 38401

With much appreciation , I am

Yours sincerely

Thomas

Chunn Family

Special Collections

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thomas H. Chunn
103 Bass Drive
Columbia ~~TN~~ 38401

August 16, 1983

The Vigo County Historical Society forwarded your letter of Aug. 9 to the library.

I checked our books of Vigo county cemetery records but did not find the name Chunn mentioned. These books include the Shepard Cemetery, which is in Fayette township near Shepardsville. However, the books were compiled from the tombstone inscriptions and, of course, people buried in unmarked graves were omitted.

I am enclosing a biographical sketch of Major Chunn copied from Beckwith's 1880 History of Vigo and Parke Counties. According to this sketch, Major Chunn moved to Vermillion county where he died in 1847. He may be buried in Vermillion county, probably in Clinton township. Shepardsville is just south of the Vigo/Vermillion county line.

I don't know of anyone indexing cemeteries in Vermillion county, but you might try writing the Daily Clintonian, 422 S. Main St., Clinton IN 47842. There is a genealogical query column in the Terre Haute newspaper. The address is: Genealogy, Dorothy Clark, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, 721 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute IN 47808. Mrs. Clark would be a good person to contact regarding an old cemeteries society, as she is the Vigo county historian. There is a need for such a society in Vermillion county as well; many of the cemeteries there have not been indexed and are in deplorable condition.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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Aug. 9, 1983

Terre Haute Historical Society,
c/of Vigo County Public Library
Terre Haute , Ind.

Gentlemen:

A.R. Markle wrote in 1952 (copy in the Vigo Library) that about the year 1815 that Maj. John T. Chunn was the Commandant of Ft. Harrison. There were seven children- Joseph h.; Mary who married John Wright;William; Carolina, Samuel, Thomas, Josie. William is said to be burried in the Shepardsville, Cemetary-place unknown.

Should your Society have no knoledge of where Major Chunn was burried would you be so kind as to foward this letter to your newspaper? Possibly the paper would publish this letter in " Letters to the Editors column "

All counties need an OLD CEMETERIES SOCIETY. Would the Historical Society suggest some one who could help get one organized and be the first in the state of Indiana?

I am enclosing a brochure on how to get a chapter of Old Cemeteries Society organized.

With many thanks for any help at all to locate the grave of Maj. Chunn, Iam

Fraternally yours, (I am a member of the Maury County Historical Soc.)

Thomas Chunn

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38401

THOMAS H. CHUNN, TRUSTEE

AREA CODE 615
TELEPHONE 388-0958

August, 24, 1983

Ms Nancy Sherrill
Vigo County Library
Library Square
Terre Haute, Ind. 47807

Dear Ms. Sherrill:

I am most appreciative of the Biographical sketch of Maj. John Chunn as written by Beckwith.

Your valued suggestion to contact Mrs Dorthy Clark with the Tribune-Star and the Daily Clintonian is most appreciated.

Please find enclosed a little token of appreciation, perhaps for the library staff's coke or coffee fund.

Sincerely,

Thomas

sent $5.00

April 22, 1970

Mrs. Maebelle Nunn
2031 Academy St.
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

Dear Mrs. Nunn:

I am enclosing a biographical sketch of Major Chunn, who was in command of Fort Harrison in 1816. His son was Thomas, who married Caroline White in 1845. These were Mrs. Runyan's grandparents. I telephoned Mrs. Runyan, but was unable to find any more about that White family.

I am enclosing a form letter giving the names of persons who do genealogy here, and think that you would do well to write one of them. There was a White family that lived in Parke County, but whether this is the one, I do not know, and it would take far too much time to search the records. I regret that I cannot help you further.

I am returning $1.00 of the $2.00 you sent.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Ross
Hd. Local History Department.

COPY

April 6, 1970

Maebelle Nunn (Mrs)
2031 Academy St.
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

Fairbanks Memorial Library
222 N. 7th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Madam:

I am interested in the " Chunn - White Family " . Do you have any information, on this family? In 1822 they lived in Vermillion county, Clinton Township. Also in Vigo county.

My grandfather was Silas White - He had a brother George White who died in the Civil war at Camp Calhoun, Kentucky.

My father was Charley White and he had a half sister by the name of Emily. She married a " Chappell".

Mrs. Runyan on College ave., Terre Haute, Indiana , told me it was on file at the Library. Her Grandmother was a White married a Chunn. Mrs. Runyan has been too ill to do the research for me.

Enclosed is $2.00 for same and if it is more please bill me.

Sincerely Yours,

Maebelle Nunn

Maebelle Nunn (Mrs)

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Samuel a Chunn — Matilda B Mayfield
Major Chunn — of Clinton
Thomas Chunn m. Caroline White — md. in Nov 9 1845
Came from Canada

Marriage Record of Vigo Co.

The Court Settles the Dispute

by

A. R. Markle

This continues my story of last week concerning the proposed duel between Major Chunn and Major Markle.

Nearly a year was to pass before the Grand Jury acted, for the wheels of justice moved slowly then as now but in time they ground out the following grist.

"In the Circuit Court of the County of Vigo April Term Eighteen hundred twenty one

State of Indiana
Vigo County } to wit, The Jurors for the State of Indiana

and the body of the county of Vigo upon their oath, present that of the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty at the County of Vigo in the State of Indiana Ichabod Wood then and there being and acting, and duly authorized to act, as a Justice of the Peace in and for the said county of Vigo in the state aforesaid, upon the oath of Zebina Hovey did make a certain warrant in writing under his hand and seal bearing date the same day and year as aforesaid, directed to John F. King Constable of the Township of Harrison in the said county of Vigo and state aforesaid thereby, in the name of the State of Indiana, charging and commanding the said John F. King, constable as aforesaid, to take and bring before him the said Ichabod Wood, Justice of the Peace aforesaid, John T. Chunn, Charles S. Cass, Jacob D. G. McDonald, and John Daily to answer the charge of breaking the peace,

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which said warrant aforesaid, to wit on the twenty fourth day of June in the same year as aforesaid in the county and state aforesaid was delivered to the said John F. King, Constable as aforesaid, in due form of law to be executed, and the said John F.King Constable as aforesaid was then and there duly required to execute the same, by bringing the bodies of the said John T. Chunn, Charles S. Cass, Jacob D. G. McDonald, and John Bailey before the said Ichabod Wood, Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, in the time and place and for the purpose in the said convenant mentioned, And the jurors for the State of Indiana and the body of the county of Vigo further upon their oath present, that although the said John F. King Constable aforesaid could and might and ought to have executed the said covenant accordingly; yet the said John F. King so being Constable in the said county and state aforesaid, not regarding the duty of his said office, did not, nor would not execute the said covenant as aforesaid or otherwise, howsoever, but unlawfully, wilfully, obstinately, and contemptuously neglected and refused so to do, and therein failed and made default to the great hindrance of public justice, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Vigo County."

The same Grand Jury indicted Doctor McDonald for "unlawfully and wickedly" delivering a challenge from Charles S. Cass to Abraham Markle senior, "intending to procure great bodily harm and mischief" and to "incite and provoke" Markle to "unlawfully fight a duel with and against" Captain Cass.

The indictment gives the challenge word for word.

"Valley Mills 23rd June 1820

Sir: If you are a man you will meet me tomorrow at eight o'clock in the morning either in or out of the State. My friend Doctor McDonald, with your friend, will make the necessary arrangements.

C. I. Cass.

Major Markle"

Among the witnesses whose names appear on this indictment are those of John Bailey, Alexander Chamberlain, Abraham A. Markle, Eleazer Daggett, and Zebina C. Hovey, and the signature of John Groenendyke.

Not to slight anyone the Grand Jury also indicted Major Chunn "late of Terre Haute" who "With force of arms at Terre Haute—wickedly and maliciously intending and so far as in him lay not only to disquiet and terrify one Abraham Markle, senior, but also the said Abraham Markle, maliciously, violently and wickedly to kill and murder did unlawfully and wickedly provoke and excite the said Abraham Markle senior to fight a duel against him the said John T. Chunn (alias) J. T. Chunn with pistols" sent a challenge in these words:

"Terre Haute 21st June 1820

Sir— I am under marching orders for Detroit tomorrow; previous to my going I feel it my duty to demand of you a meeting. The many unprovoked slanders you have circulated against me render the call indispensably necessary. I shall therefore confidently rely upon seeing you previous to my departure, and that no excuse may be offered, I have a pair of pistols, the choice of which is at your service. My friend, Captain Cass, will make the necessary arrangements.

Major Markle. John T. Chunn."

The meeting failed to take place and Major Chunn was forced to salve his wounded honor while absent from Terre Haute on duty, the courts dragged slowly through their course and by the time Major Chunn had resigned from the army and returned to these more peaceful fields, the cases had been dismissed from the docket and all was quite and serene.

Time soothes angered hearts and the fact that all parties to these proceedings, including the prosecuting attorney and the judge of the court were fellow Masons of that early and still flourishing body lodge #19 may have had much to do with bringing peace to the community and preventing the shedding of blood in what was probably the nearest example of the operation of the "Code of Honor" in Vigo County.

Duel

Major Chunn Defends His Fort

by

A. R. Markle

When Major Markle came here in the summer of 1815 to look at the land with a view to its settlement, he stopped several days at Fort Harrison as a guest of Major John T. Chunn, the commandant there. Markle must have told his host something of his plans for building a town where now lie bunker and green instead of city pavements.

Partly due to the fact that the fort stood on a fractional section and partly because of the objections of Major Chunn, Major Markle was not allowed to lay his warrant on that parcel of land.

Some spirited correspondence between Major Chunn and the Land Office on one side and Major Markle and the same land Office on the other resulted in a compromise in that Major Markle secured the patent to the three quarter sections to the east of the fort and Major Chunn saved his fort.

Considerable ill feeling grew out of the discussion and in one letter to Waller Taylor at Washington, Major Chunn called Major Markle a "Tory" and offered to prove it. In the days so closely following the two wars with England, this term was a fighting one.

Major Chunn offered to submit affidavits that Markle had resorted to bribery in his efforts to secure the land that was patented to him. Chunn submitted a statement of Lambert and Dickson that someone had offered to bribe to some one else and while the charges were vague and

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unsatisfactory, they so aroused Markle that he wrote the War Department offering to prove fraud on the part of the contractor who furnished supplies to the fort. This did little to smooth the way to peace.

Knowing some of the customs of those far off days, we can hardly be surprised at the outcome as revealed by the records of the Circuit Court of Vigo County from which the following proceedings are taken.

"State of Indiana

Vigo County Set

Before me one of the justices of the peace for the afforesaid county, personally come Zubina Hovey who being duly sworn according to law deposith and saith that on or near the 21st day of June 1820 there was a challenge to fight a duel presented to Abraham Markle of the aforesaid county and that he verily believes that a certain C. L. Cass is guilty of the fact and that he, the deponent also verily believe that a ceartain J. T. Chunn of the aforesaid county is guilty of a like offence commited near the same time and also that a ceartain McDonald and Bailey were guilty of carrying the aforesaid challenge and further this deponent saith not.

Zebina C. Hovey

Sworn and Subscribed to before me Ichabod Wood J P"

Ichabod Wood may have been weak in spelling but that he was firm in intention is shown by the issuance of the warrant.

"State of Indiana

Vigo County Set

To the Constable of Harrison Township Greetings. Whereas complaint has been made before me upon the oath of Zubina Hovey of the aforesaid county that C. L. Cass, J. T. Chunn, John Bailey, and

McDonald did on the 21st or 22nd day of June Instant challenge or were guilty of carrying a challenge to Abram Markle to fight a duel these are therefore to command you to take the said Cass, Chunn, Bailey, and McDonald if they be found in your county and them safely keep so that you have them forthwith before me or some other justice of the peace for said county to answer to said complaint and further to be dealt with according to law. Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of June 1820.

Ich Wood J P (seal)"

Surely no one could complain of the "law's delays" in those days when a warrant could be dated on the 20th for an offense committed on the 21st but the delay of the constable more than made up for the speed of the "squire" as shown by the endorsements on the back of the warrant.

"Constables costs persuing Cass and Chunn	$ 2.50
Do levying on Bailey	.50
Returning and attending	.25

J. F.King Const.

State of Indiana	June 26th 1820 by request of
vs	the Complainant I return this
C. L. Cass	writ the within named Bailey
J. T. Chunn	and McDonald appear on their
John Bailey	part to answer to the charges.
Doc McDonald	The within Cass and Chunn not arrested.

John F. King Const."

The attorney for Doctor McDonald was more of a scholar than was Squire Wood as is evident from the spelling and composition of the bond provided.

"State of Indiana

Vigo County SS

Be it remembered that on the 27th day of June A. D. 1820 Jacob D. G. McDonald, Lewis B. Lawrence, Wm. C. Linton, Demas Deming, Jno. M. Colman, and Thomas H. Clark of the county and state aforesaid personally came before me one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said county and severally acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the State of Indiana in the sum of two thousand dollars lawful money of the United Sates to be levied of their goods and chattels, lands and tenements if default be made in the following condit ons to wit—

The conditions of this recognizance are such that if the above bounden Jacob D. G. McDonald shall personally be and appear at the next term of the Circuit Court to be holden in and for said County on the first day of the term, then and there to answer to a charge of a breach of the peace in having unlawfully carried a challenge to fight a duel. And shall abide the judgement of the said Court and not depart without leave, then this recognizance to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

J. D. G. McDonald
Lewis B. Lawrence
Wm. C. Linton
Demas Deming
John M. Colman
Thomas H. Clarke

Taken and acknowledged the day and year above before me. Ich Wood J P."

Nancy Sherrill

From: Nancy Sherrill

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 10:57 AM

To: 'jaychall@aol.com'

Subject: Chunn Family

Hello,

David Lewis gave me the message that you had called about a Harry and a Sherman Chunn. I checked the Terre Haute Tribune and the Star for Oct. 12 and 19, 1906, but didn't see any mention of a police raid on an orphanage in Mexico IN. However, I found a marriage for Sherman Chunn and Ida Wheeler in Vermillion County IN on 15 June 1886. I also found a Sherman Chunn on the 1910 census in the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City IN. He was age 44 and born in Indiana. His father was born in Canada and his mother in North Carolina. I found the same Sherman Chunn on the 1920 census of Morley Township, Scott County MO. He was age 54 and born in Indiana. His father was born in Canada and his mother in North Carolina. That year he had a 49 year old wife Lizzie who was born in Illinois and an eight year old daughter Mary who was born in Indiana. I couldn't find a Harry Chunn I could be sure was the right one. How were Harry and Sherman related and when was Harry born?

We have a file on the Chunn family, but it contains information on Maj. John T. Chunn who was the commander of Ft. Harrison about 1815. He and his family did move to what is now Vermillion County.

I am not familiar with the Public Memories web site you mentioned.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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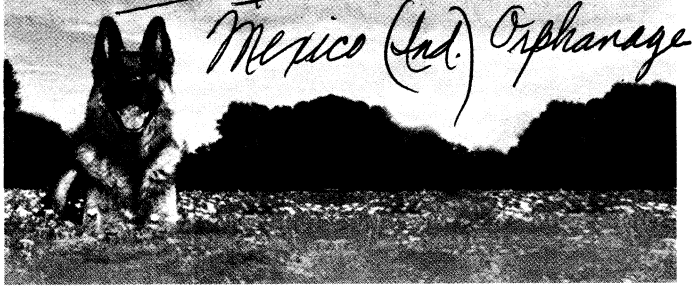
Sherman Chunn was shot!
jayehall@aol.com
Oct. 12, 1906 not in Tulsa or Star
" 19, 1906
Article starts:
Chunn Children Raid
Police Raid
Mexico (Ind.) Orphanage



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Harry Chunn

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These stories may not be in the I.N. paper but Chunn was from I.N. according to 1910-20-30 census.

1910 census Sherman Chunn in State Prison Michigan City

Sherman Chunn + Ida Wheeler

15 June 1886

Vermillion Co

DKL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910—POPULATION

STATE Indiana
COUNTY La Porte
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Michigan township
NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Michigan City
WARD OF CITY
NAME OF INSTITUTION Indiana State Prison
ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 18th DAY OF April 1910.
ENUMERATOR T. J. Harvey
SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 70
ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 106
SHEET NO. 6 B

	Location	Name of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on April 15, 1910. Omit children born since April 15, 1910.	Relation	Personal Description							Nativity			Citizenship		Year of immigration to the U.S.	Whether able to speak English, or, if not, give language spoken	Occupation				Education			Ownership of Home				
				Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced	Whether married during census year	Number of years of present marriage	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Place of birth of mother of this person	Whether naturalized	Whether naturalization papers have been taken out			Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done by this person, as spinner, weaver, salesman, laborer, etc.	General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which this person works, as cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc.	Whether employer, salary or wage worker, or working on own account	Whether able to read	Whether able to write	Whether attended school at any time since Sept. 1, 1909	Whether owned or rented	Whether owned free or mortgaged	Number of farm schedule	Whether on a farm	Whether blind (both eyes)	Whether deaf and dumb
51		Williams, Ralph		M	W	39	S					Ohio	United States	United States				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
52		Welch, Harry		M	W	23	S					Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
53		Leyston, James B		M	W	52	S					Pennsylvania	England	England				English	Carpenter			No	Yes	Yes	No					
54		West, Edward N		M	W	39	W					New York	Germany	Germany				English	Bookkeeper			No	Yes	Yes	No					
55		Hyson, Henry		M	W	33	S					Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
56		Thompson, Thomas		M	W	28	D					Kentucky	United States	Tennessee				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
57		Russell, Samuel		M	Mu	39	M					Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				English	moulder			No	Yes	Yes	No					
58		Montgomery, Buck		M	W	52	D					Indiana	England	Ohio				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
59		Brown, Andrew		M	B	35	S					Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	Cook			No	Yes	Yes	No					
60		Brinkears, Jasper		M	W	48	W					Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	Farmer Retired			No	Yes	Yes	No					
61		Crowder, Stephen		M	W	73	S					Illinois	Virginia	Pennsylvania				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
62		Morgan, James		M	W	35	S					Massachusetts	Maryland	Delaware				English	wood worker			No	Yes	Yes	No					
63		Ed Fobler, Lewis B		M	W	46	M					Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				English	Engineer	stationary		No	Yes	Yes	No					
64		Shawn, Sherman		M	W	24	M					Indiana	Canada	N. Carolina				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
65		Stanley, Elmer		M	B	35	M					Ohio	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	Porter	Hotel		No	Yes	Yes	No					
66		Gilbert, Charles		M	Mu	39	M					Maryland	United States	Pennsylvania				English	Porter	Restaurant		No	Yes	Yes	No					
67		Sandown, Melvin		M	W	34	S					Indiana	Virginia	Indiana				English	Salesman	Grocery		No	Yes	Yes	No					
68		Smith, Frank		M	W	28	S					Missouri	United States	Indiana				English	Chain maker			No	Yes	Yes	No					
69		Baseehl, Herman		M	W	33	M					Indiana	Germany	Pennsylvania				English	Fireman	R.R.		No	Yes	Yes	No					
70		Hall, Frank		M	B	50	M					Indiana	Indiana	Kentucky				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
71		McCoy, William		M	W	37	M					Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
72		Van Deshoorne, Edward		M	W	49	S					Indiana	New Jersey	United States				English	none			No	No	No	No					
73		Bonnell, Annette C		M	W	69	W					Maine	New Jersey	New Jersey				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
74		McCartney, Frank		M	W	21	S					Indiana	Ohio	Indiana				English	Electricians			No	Yes	Yes	No					
75		Craig, Adam		M	W	38	D					Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
76		Ellis, Charley		M	W	39	M					Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
77		Williams, Henry		M	W	64	D					Ohio	England	Virginia				English	Farmer			No	Yes	Yes	No					
78		Ludwig, Albin R		M	W	40	W					Germany (Ger)	Germany	Germany			1864	aa	English	Teamster		No	Yes	Yes	No					
79		Vaughn, John		M	W	37	S					Indiana	Maryland	Ohio				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
80		Bigsby, George		M	W	46	W					New Jersey	Ireland	Scotland				English	Farmer			No	Yes	Yes	No					
81		Whittaker, George		M	W	24	S					Indiana	United States	United States				English	Machinist			No	Yes	Yes	No					
82		Fuller, John		M	W	45	M					New York	Germany	Germany				English	Peddler	fruit		No	Yes	Yes	No					
83		Williams, Edward		M	W	25	S					Kentucky	Ireland	Ireland				English	Peddler	fruit		No	Yes	Yes	No					
84		Oliver, Lem		M	W	39	M					Indiana	Kentucky	Indiana				English	Shoemaker			No	Yes	Yes	No					
85		Miller, John		M	W	57	S					Missouri	England	Germany				English	Barber			No	Yes	Yes	No					
86		McCable, Roy		M	Mu	24	S					N. Carolina	Ohio	N. Carolina				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
87		Colvin, Willis B		M	W	51	M					Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	Farm Laborer			No	Yes	Yes	No					
88		Armstrong, Day		M	W	27	S					Michigan	Indiana	Michigan				English	Machinist			No	Yes	Yes	No					
89		Green, Walter		M	W	34	W					Indiana	Indiana	Indiana				English	Painter			No	Yes	Yes	No					
90		Carson, David		M	W	59	W					Ohio	Ohio	Ohio				English	Cook	Restaurant		No	Yes	Yes	No					
91		McChester, Edward		M	Mu	33	M					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				English	Barber			No	Yes	Yes	No					
92		Green, John		M	B	75	S					Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	Fireman	Stationary		No	No	No	No					
93		Bloch, John		M	W	37	M					Kansas	United States	Iowa				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
94		Johnson, Frank		M	B	47	M					Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	Fireman	stationary		No	No	No	No					
95		Pettijone, John		M	W	55	D					Ohio	Scotland	Scotland				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
96		Washington, Daniel		M	B	34	S					Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
97		Ogletree, Jacob		M	W	53	D					Georgia	Georgia	Georgia				English	iron work	structural		No	Yes	Yes	No					
98		Clifton, Harry		M	W	33	W					Ireland	Ireland	Wales			1902	aa	English	Bartender		No	Yes	Yes	No					
99		Lesher, Charles		M	W	33	M					Ohio	Maryland	Maryland				English	none			No	Yes	Yes	No					
100		Hines, Patrick		M	W	37	M					Indiana	Ireland	Ireland				English	Peddler	notions		No	Yes	Yes	No					

STATE: Missouri
COUNTY: Scott
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY: Morley Township
NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE: X
WARD OF CITY:
NAME OF INSTITUTION:
ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 24th & 26th DAY OF January 1920. Edward W. McDonough ENUMERATOR.

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FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 12
ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 193
SHEET NO. 10 B

PLACE OF ABODE.				NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family.	RELATION.	HOME.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.				CITIZENSHIP.			EDUCATION.			NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE.							OCCUPATION.				
																	PERSON.		FATHER.		MOTHER.							
																	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Glassine Dewey	Step Son			M	W	20	S				No	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Missouri		yes	Laborer	Farm	W	La	51
				Eldredge Bertha	Daughter			F	W	12	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Illinois		Missouri		yes				La	52
				Alford	Son			M	W	10	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Illinois		Missouri		yes				La	53
				Gordon Thomas	Boarder			M	W	36	M					yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Missouri		yes	Laborer	Farm	W	La	54
				Beggs Wm A	Head			M	W	48	M					yes	yes	Illinois		Illinois		Illinois		yes	Farmer		Co	Ta	55
				Mary M	Wife			F	W	38	M					yes	yes	Illinois		Kentucky		Illinois		yes	None			Ta	56
				Arner L	Son			M	W	18	S				No	yes	yes	Missouri		Illinois		Illinois		yes	Laborer	Home Farm		Og	57
				Thelma M	Daughter			F	W	12	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Illinois		Illinois		yes	Helper	At Home		Og	58
				Cephas M	Son			M	W	10	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Illinois		Illinois		yes				Og	59
				Linus	Son			M	W	9	S				yes			Missouri		Illinois		Illinois						Og	60
				Orilles	Son			M	W	7	S				yes			Missouri		Illinois		Illinois						Og	61
				Ward Jr.	Son			M	W	4/12	S							Missouri		Illinois		Illinois						Og	62
				Robert E	Son			M	W	5/12	S							Missouri		Illinois		Illinois						Og	63
				Bynum Gordon A	Head	R		M	W	58	M					yes	yes	Illinois		Tennessee		Illinois		yes	Farmer		Own	Rd	64
				Olga M	Wife			F	W	31	M					yes	yes	Illinois		Kentucky		Illinois		yes	None			Rd	65
				Dubruita	Daughter			F	W	9	S					yes		Missouri		Illinois		Illinois						Rd	66
				Breda T	Son			M	W	4/12	S							Arkansas		Illinois		Illinois						Rd	67
				Thompson John A	Head	R		M	W	60	M					yes	yes	Missouri		Tennessee		Illinois		yes	Farmer		Own	Rd	68
				Artimecia M	Wife			F	W	42	M					yes	yes	Missouri		Ohio		Missouri		yes	None			Og	69
				Mason R	Son			M	W	17	S				No	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Missouri		yes	Helper	Home Farm		Og	70
				Eulah M	Daughter			F	W	10	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Missouri		yes				Og	71
				Rockett Albert M	Head	R		M	W	55	M	1880	Ab	1885		yes	yes	Missouri		North Carolina		Missouri		yes	Farmer		Own	Rd	72
				Amelia	Wife			F	W	28	S					yes	yes	Germany	German	Germany	German	Germany	German	yes	None			Rd	73
				Louis A	Son			M	W	21	S					yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Germany		yes	Laborer	Farm	W	Og	74
				Britt Clarence B	Step Son			M	W	17	S				No	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Germany		yes	Laborer	Farm	W	Og	75
				William N	Step Son			M	W	17	S				No	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Germany		yes	Helper	Home Farm		Og	76
				Stella	Step Daughter			F	W	16	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Germany		yes	Helper	At Home		Og	77
				Laura	Step Daughter			F	W	14	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Germany		yes	Helper	At Home		Og	78
				Rochat Lovie M	Daughter			F	W	17	S				yes	yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Germany						Og	79
				Amelia	Daughter			F	W	9	S				yes			Missouri		Missouri		Germany						Og	80
				Viswonger Cephas	Head	R		M	W	42	M					yes	yes	Missouri		Germany	German	Kentucky		yes	Farmer		Own	Rd	81
				Lydia	Wife			F	W	36	M					yes	yes	Kentucky		Kentucky		Kentucky		yes	None			Rd	82
				Mamie A	Daughter			F	W	15	S					yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Kentucky		yes	Helper	At Home		Rd	83
				Thelma M	Daughter			F	W	12	S					yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Kentucky		yes	Helper	At Home		Rd	84
				Ruth M	Daughter			F	W	10	S					yes	yes	Missouri		Missouri		Kentucky		yes				Rd	85
				Floyd W	Son			M	W	7	S					yes		Missouri		Missouri		Kentucky						Rd	86
				Marvin C	Son			M	W	5	S					No		Missouri		Missouri		Kentucky						Rd	87
				Maxine	Daughter			F	W	2/12	S							Missouri		Missouri		Kentucky						Rd	88
				Reynolds John	Head	Rent		M	W	40	M					yes	yes	Indiana		England	English	England	English	yes	None				89
				Margie	Wife			F	W	30	M					yes	yes	Illinois		England	English	England	English	yes	None				90
				Ruby	Son			M	W	15	S					No	yes	Indiana		Illinois		Illinois		yes	None				91
				Goldie	Daughter			F	W	13	S					No	yes	Illinois		Illinois		Illinois							92
				Lelah	Daughter			F	W	9	S					No		Indiana		Illinois		Illinois							93
				Ruby	Daughter			F	W	4/12	S							Indiana		Illinois		Illinois							94
				Chunn Sherman	Hoder	Rent		M	W	34	M						yes	Indiana		Canada		North Carolina		yes	None				95
				Fizzie	Wife			F	W	29	M						yes	Illinois		Virginia		Illinois		yes	None				96
				Vesy	Daughter			F	W	8	S						yes	Indiana		Indiana		Illinois							97

Here ends the enumeration of Morley Township (Dist 193)

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Morley Township Road

Chunn Family

Nancy Sherrill

From: Nancy Sherrill
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 3:02 PM
To: 'jaychall@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Chunn Family

Hello,

There is a nice biographical sketch of Maj. John T. Chunn on page 43 of Beckwith's 1880 History of Vigo and Parke Counties. According to that information, John Chunn was born in Maryland in 1780 but moved to Fauquier County VA with his parents at a young age. He came to Ohio in 1801 and to Clarksburg IN by 1804. "He married his first wife about this time. He had five children: three sons and two daughters." He became an officer in the U.S. army in 1811 and took part in Harrison's campaign in Canada. He returned to Indiana in 1815 and "was then assigned to the command of this military district, which he held from 1815 to 1818, with headquarters at Fort Harrison. He was afterward transferred to Fort Detroit. In 1820 he retired from the army and returned to this county. In 1821 he married Matilda Le March, at Clinton, Indiana; located on Broullette creek, in Independence township, about four miles southwest from Clinton, where he died in 1847....By his last wife he had four sons and two daughters."

The Chunn family file contains some old letters speculating on his place of burial, but that has been determined. There is a small cemetery on the Vigo/ Vermillion County line, know as Scott in Vigo County and Chunn in Vermillion County. It is very near Brouillette's Creek. It can be seen from Highway 63 when the trees are not leafed out, and there are only four or five stones visible. However, in 2004 we were visited by a mother and daughter from Bainbridge IN who had obtained a WPA map of the cemetery from the courthouse in Vermillion County. Originally there were about 30 graves there, including that of Maj. Chunn. A local researcher, Charles Davis, probed for Maj. Chunn's stone and found it buried under several inches of dirt. He later managed to get a government military stone placed there.

In 1983 we received a letter from a Thomas Chunn in Columbia TN who named Maj. Chunn's children as Joseph, Mary who married John Wright, William, Caroline, Samuel, and Thomas who married Carolyn White. Which son was Sherman's father?

I took another look at the Tribune for Oct. 12, 13, 19, and 20, 1906, but did not find any mention of a police raid on Sherman's home. It looks as though the town of Needmore is or was very near Brouillette's Creek and the Vigo/ Vermillion County line. It would have been in the area when Maj. Chunn lived and where the Chunn Cemetery is located. It is east of the small town of Universal and also east of Highway 63, but west of the Wabash River. There was a lot of mining in that area, and it is now grown up in woods. Deer and turkeys can frequently be seen when crossing Brouillette's Creek on 63. This area is just south of the town of Clinton, and I wonder if something might have appeared in the Clinton newspaper. There was a weekly edition of the Clintonian in 1906, and the State Library has microfilmed copies in its newspaper collection. The holdings are listed on their web site at http://www.in.gov/library/2740.htm. The Clinton Public Library might also have the newspaper microfilm.

Why did the police raid Sherman's home? Was that the reason he was in prison in Michigan City in 1910. I wonder if there might have been a record of the trial in the courthouse at Newport.

Nancy Sherrill

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From: jaychall@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 11:28 AM
To: Nancy Sherrill
Subject: Re: Chunn Family

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AS FOR SHERMAN HIS NAME IS WILLIAM SHERMAN CHUNN B 1866 VERMILLION CO INDIANA
ON MAJOR JOHN T CHUNN IF I COULD I LIKE THE INFORMATION ON HIM THAT IS SHERMAN GRANDFATHER
ANY HELP ON THIS FAMILY WOULD BE APPRECIATED JAY

-----Original Message-----
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To: jaychall@aol.com
Sent: Wed, Jul 21, 2010 9:56 am
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Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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Subject: Re: Chunn Family

NANCY I HAVE SOME MORE ON SHERMAN CHUNN HE D 30 JAN 1929 KELSO TWS SCOTT MO
THE FOLLOWING NOTE IS ATTACHED TO THE DEATH CERTIFICATE
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOVE ATTACHED DEATH CERTIFICATE. HIM, WIFE & ANOTHER MAN WERE CAMPING & HE SLEPT IN A WAGON & WAS FOUND DEAD ON HIS COT THE MORNING 1-30-1929. HIS ILLNESS DATED FROM A GUNSHOT WOUND THROUGH THE KNEE REC'D IN 1917 & HIS HEALTH FAILED FROM THAT DATE. HIS WIFE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT HIS PARENTS.

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David Lewis

From: David Lewis
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 5:22 PM
To: 'rnnursejjh@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Chunn request

Hello, Jay:

It appears that you already have all the info in our Chunn file. The Whitesell file has several items that I imagine you will want me to copy. This includes an 1875 letter from N. (Noah) J. Minnick to Sallie Minnick of New Ross, Ind., which is in Montgomery Co.

In the letter he mentions that he married Bruce Whitesell and Alice Chunn "last Thursday night" – and then he mentions other recent happenings in the neighborhood (of New Goshen). I feel certain you will want a copy of that plus there is a small photo of Simon Bruce Whitesell who married Alice Chunn and there is some biographical information also. Don't forget that our web site www.vigo.lib.in.us has a nice obituary index (not the actual obit) that will indicate to you when some of the folks you are interested in died. The trouble is that obits are $5 each so you will want to be certain that it is the "right" person whose obit you are ordering. Perhaps someday you can come to Terre Haute and make these copies for yourself for .10@.

In the meantime you will want to check www.findagrave.com and check Rose Hill Cemetery in Fayette Twp of Vigo Co. and sometimes there is a photo of the tombstone. RH is where Bruce and Alice C. Whitesell are buried and others that seem to interest you including a few Blackburns and even Mrs. John (Caroline) Martin although it seems there are "no dates" on some of the stones – except for an Ernest Martin and all it gives is his death date, i.e. 1948. However, when I checked Ernest's obit in 1948 it indicated he was to be buries at Roselawn – an entirely different cemetery than Rose Hill, so this is surely the wrong Ernest Martin!

Regarding the old (c. 1910) photo of the 5 women, some unknown person has used pencil to write in the names of the 5 women. At the extreme left is Alice Chunn Whitesell and beside her is her (older) sister-in-law Mrs. Martha Whalen who lived at Libertyville, very close to the Illinois state line. It seems that Martha was Bruce Whitesell's older sister as she was born in 1841 and died in 1921 whereas Bruce was born c.1853 and died in 1923. Alice Chunn Whitesell had a son who was a famous photographer in New Orleans. His name was Woodson Whitesell. He died in 1958 and is buried at Rose Hill. Alice died at the home of her daughter – a Mrs. Dyer of New Goshen.

Have you been to Rose Hill? The old church is long-gone but the cemetery is on both sides of a bend in the county road and at the extreme west side of the cemetery there is a high-tension power line that buzzes loudly.

Employed in the same (genealogy) room where I work is another employee named Janice Phillips (a Funkhouser descendant). Although she did not know of the Chunns or Whitesells she has researched some of those old New Goshen area families and you may contact her at jphillips@vigo.lib.in.us. She is familiar with Rose Hill and does digital photography. She thinks the woman in the middle – Ma Bozarth – is probably not Mrs. Bozarth, whose first husband was an Isaac Funkhouser. This is because she has an old photograph of the "true" Mrs. Funkhouser-Bozarth and they don't look like the same person! Therefore, you need to e-mail Janice as she knows about the Funkhousers. A John Funkhouser is mentioned as confined to his bed because of stomach cancer in the 1875 Minnick letter.

Neither of us knows anything about the "Aunt Mary" Mc Collough or Caroline (Mrs. John) Martin. The Martin name is so common everywhere around here and she may even have come from Illinois as New Goshen is close to the IL state line.

Janice has written down that Martha W. Whalen had 2 children:Ella (1863-?) and Grant (1865-?) Also that Martha Whitesell's parents were Joseph and Jane Farnham Whitesell and that their children were:

Martha Whitesell (1841-1921) - was probably widowed when young
Mary (1845- ?)
Phidilia (1848- ?)
Maria E. (1852- ?)
Simon Bruce (1853- 1923)
Josephine (1856- ?)

I can copy the Whitesell items that you need for $3 including postage. There is a 40 plus page typescript on a Rev. Faris Daniel Whitesell of New Goshen but since he was born in 1895, I don't think a copy of that info would help you because it

deals with his calling to the ministry etc and is not genealogical, but let me know your thoughts.

David N. Lewis
Special Collections Research

From: rnnursejjh@aol.com [mailto:rnnursejjh@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 11:02 PM
To: David Lewis
Subject: Re: Chunn request

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On the picture from the Vigo County Public Library of five ladies (it looks like it was taken between 1900-1910) that appeared in the magazine called Coronet, dated April of 1954, they were identified from left to right, as Alice Chunn Whitesell (Mrs. Bruce), second as Martha Whalen (Libertyville), third as Ma Bozarth and fourth is Aunt Mary McCollough and the final lady is Caroline Martin (Mrs. John).

I believe these ladies are as follows:
1. Alice Chunn is the d/o Thomas T and Caroline White Chunn who married Simon Bruce Whitesell.
2. Martha Whalen married an unknown and had the following children: Ella and Grant Whalen.
3. Ma Bozarth is Sarah Jane Shank d/o Samuel and Mary May Shank, she married 1st Benjamin Issaac Funkhouser and had the following children: Elsa, Elmer, John, Lida, Ada, and Jacob Roy. She married 2nd John Bozarth.
4. Aunt Mary McCollough which I have no information on.
5. Caroline Martin, which I believe her maiden name was List/Leist, was married to John A. Martin and had a son named Ernest J. All 3 are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in New Goshen, Vigo, Indiana. If we have identify these ladies correctly, do you have anything on them and/or their families and their connection to the Chunn family. If we have failed to identify them do you have any idea who they or their families are?

You said to remind you about the Simon Bruce Whitesell file. I would like information on Simon Bruce and Alice Chunn Whitesell and their decendents only.

I asked how much it would cost to copy the entire Chunn file, but I have decided I would like to know the cost of the file without the requests from other researchers being copied.

Thank you for all you have done for me. I really appreciated it.

Jay
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1) Alice Whitesell Chunn
(Mrs Bruce)
2) Mrs Martha Whalen (Libertyville)
Note: Martha Whitesell m. John F. Whalen Bk. 2, pg. 350 Date not listed
3) Ma Bozarth – a Jacob Bozarth m. Olive Rawley
4) Aunt Mary McCollough (Mr. Wolfsey)
5) Caroline Martin (Mrs John)
New Goshen

8/17/2010

Alice Chunn Whitesell and Mrs. Martha (Ed) Whelen
(Jan. 1854-)
are sister-in-laws.

June 5, c. 1842 – Oct. 19 1878 FHH. Twp Rosehill

Sarah Jane Shank m. first Benj. Isaac Funkhouser
second John Bozarth, Edgar Co., Il
Oct. 11, 1898
Bk 2, 173

Martha Whitesell Whelen was born c. 1845

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